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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, Member States were invited to extend to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard, but also for study at the post-primary level, as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, offers extended under resolution 845 (IX) are communicated by the Secretariat to the administering Powers to enable them to give appropriate publicity to the offers in the Territories under their administration.

3. Information on scholarships offered by Member States under the programme is made available to prospective applicants. Reference to the programme is included in the twenty-seventh edition of the handbook entitled Study Abroad (1992/1993/1994), published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

4. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) and subsequent resolutions 1/ the Secretary-General submits to the General Assembly each year a report containing detailed information on the offers made and the extent to which they were utilized. 2/ The present report, which covers the period from 1 October 1992 to 30 September 1993 is submitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 47/17 of 16 November 1992.

II. SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS AND AWARDS

A. Offering States

5. Over the years, the 46 States Members of the United Nations and one non-member State listed below have offered to make scholarships available for the use of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories in response to the resolutions mentioned above:

Australia	India
Austria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Barbados	Ireland
Brazil	Israel
Bulgaria	Italy
Canada	Jamaica
Cuba	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Cyprus	Malawi
Czechoslovakia	Malta
Egypt	Mexico
Finland	New Zealand
Gabon	Pakistan
Germany	Panama
Ghana	Philippines
Greece	Poland
Hungary	Romania

Russian Federation	Uganda
Singapore	Ukraine
Sri Lanka	United Arab Emirates
Sudan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Switzerland	United States of America
Syrian Arab Republic	Uruguay
Tunisia	Yugoslavia
Turkey	

6. In addition to the programme under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX), a number of Member States have contributed to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA), information on which will be contained in the relevant report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

B. Offers and awards

Australia

7. In a note verbale dated 15 September 1993, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that in 1992 Australia had offered 12 new training awards under the bilateral Sponsored Training Program to students from New Caledonia. Trainees undertook six months of English language training followed by technical or vocational training in disciplines identified as priorities for development, such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism and hospitality. In addition, under the John Crawford Scholarship Scheme (formerly EMSS), 12 New Caledonians had received awards to enable them to undertake full-time study in Australian institutions of higher education. Australian education and training assistance to New Caledonia in the financial year 1992/93 amounted to A$ 655,000.

8. Australia had no specific programme of assistance to Tokelau although it responded to a variety of ad hoc requests. In 1992/93, the Government sponsored two students, one in Australia for a Bachelor of Arts in community development, and one in Fiji at the Telecom Training Centre. Training in 1992/93 amounted to A$ 27,000.

9. In addition, Australia offered a variety of training awards to Palau under the bilateral programme in the form of attachments and short-term awards in Australia funded under the Sponsored Training Program, the John Crawford Scholarship Scheme, academic training at institutions in Fiji and Papua New Guinea and in-country training. Australian education and training assistance to Palau in 1992/93 amounted to A$ 173,000.

Barbados

10. In a note verbale dated 23 September 1993, the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that during the 1992/93 academic year, Barbados had made available training facilities to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories as follows: 11 from the British Virgin Islands; 1 from Montserrat; and 8 from the Turks and Caicos Islands.

New Zealand

11. In a note verbale dated 21 September 1993, the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that New Zealand funded Tokelauan students indirectly through its budgetary support programme for the Territory. The allocation of those funds was made by Tokelau. In 1992/93, Tokelau had spent NZ$ 377,100 on scholarships, 80 per cent of which was derived from New Zealand budgetary support.

12. In addition, New Zealand would be offering 12 scholarships to students from New Caledonia for the 1994 academic year, primarily for the study of the English language and tourism.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

13. In a note verbale dated 21 September 1993, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that during the 1992/93 financial year the United Kingdom had offered 124 scholarships to students from the British Non-Self-Governing Territories as follows: Anguilla, 12; Bermuda, 21; the British Virgin Islands, 14; the Cayman Islands, 8; the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), 1; Gibraltar, 2; Montserrat, 16; St. Helena, 31; and the Turks and Caicos Islands, 19.

III. APPLICATIONS MADE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS

14. In accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI), applications for scholarships received by the United Nations Secretariat from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories are transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the administering Powers for information.

15. Between 1 October 1992 and 30 September 1993 the Secretariat received requests from 54 students for information on the availability of scholarships. None of those students were inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories. Requests for information and applications received from South African students were forwarded for consideration to UNETPSA, as well as to the offering Governments.

Notes

1/ The most recent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this question are resolutions 45/20 of 20 November 1990, 46/66 of 11 December 1991 and 47/17 of 16 November 1992.

2/ For the most recent reports, see A/45/560, A/46/517 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 and A/47/486.